



Moderator of the Curia

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

Dear Brother in Christ,

I write today to provide you with updates and will continue to share with you information as needed.

Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

On Friday, March 25, 2022, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, His Eminence, Cardinal Wilton Gregory, will celebrate a special Mass at 12:00 Noon in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in response to the request of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for the bishops of the world to join him in an Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Mass will be open to the public and livestreamed on the Basilica's website linked [here](#).

Priests of the archdiocese are welcome to concelebrate this Mass. Registration is requested by the Basilica using the link [here](#) and clicking "Register Now"

Parishes are encouraged to pray the Prayer of Consecration, linked [here](#) in English and [here](#) in Spanish, during the celebration of Mass this Friday.

Please distribute this information to your communities in the way you determine is best. The faithful and all people of goodwill are invited to join for this special Mass and Consecration as we pray for peace in Ukraine and around the world.

Synod Delegates

If you have not already done so, please submit the names and contact information for your parish Synod Delegates via the online form: <https://adw.org/parish-nomination-form-for-archdiocesan-synod-delegates/>

Your parish delegates are invited to a regional gathering to share the results of your parish's listening session. There are two regional listening sessions left and space for parish delegates from across the archdiocese to attend.

Regional Synod Sessions

Charles, St. Mary's and Calvert Counties: Saturday, March 26, 2022 at Our Lady Help of Christians in Waldorf, MD from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m. RSVP [here](#):

District of Columbia: Saturday, May 14, 2022 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, D.C. from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 4:30 p.m. RSVP [here](#):

If you have questions about the Synod, please contact Dr. Jeannine Marino at marinoj@adw.org.

Energy Benchmarking for DC Parishes Due April 1, 2022

District of Columbia pastors are reminded that new for this year, building owners between 25,000 and 50,000 square feet are required by law to report their past energy usage to the District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) by **Friday, April 1, 2022**. This requirement includes our churches and schools. If your building is required to benchmark, you should have received a letter from the ADW Facilities and Real Estate Management Office notifying you to comply with the energy benchmarking requirements and containing links and guidance for completing the benchmarking. For more information regarding benchmarking, please go to: <https://dc.beam-portal.org/helpdesk/kb/benchmarking/>. If you have any other questions please email Robert Messer at messerr@adw.org or legaladmin@adw.org.

Additionally, please see a reminder email sent from DOEE below, containing links and information for completing the benchmarking:

Dear Building Owner/Manager/Reporter,

The District's annual energy benchmarking deadline of April 1 is just two weeks away. Make sure you have entered complete and accurate energy and water use for calendar year 2021 and updated all property use details in Portfolio Manager. If you are unsure if your building is covered by the benchmarking law, please reference the 2022 Covered Building List [here](#).

If you missed our energy benchmarking webinar series and need a refresher on how to navigate Portfolio Manager, enter required data, and submit your report to DOEE, you can find recordings of the webinars on our website, linked below. You can also review our benching how-to [here](#).

- [Benchmarking 101](#)
- [Benchmarking Multifamily Properties](#)

- [Reporting Data to DOEE](#)

As a reminder, all benchmarking reports are submitted using Automatic Annual Reporting through Portfolio Manager Web Services. If your property is already enrolled in automatic reporting you will not have to manually submit benchmarking data to DOEE, as your report will be automatically downloaded on the reporting deadline. You can confirm that you are enrolled by going to the "Summary" tab of your property, scrolling down to the box that says "Sharing this Property" where you should see "District of Columbia Annual Reporting (District_of_Columbia_Annual_Reporting)" listed with "Exchange Data" permissions. If you are not yet enrolled, please refer to our [step-by-step guide](#), or watch our recorded [Automatic Reporting webinar](#).

If you have questions about energy benchmarking, using ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, or transmitting your benchmarking data to DOEE, please [visit our website](#) for a number of helpful resources. You can also contact us directly by [submitting a Help Desk ticket](#).

Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan website is updated regularly. Please see adw.org/coronavirus for information related to the coronavirus, adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/ for a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, and cathstan.org and elpreg.org for the *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers.

As always, should you have questions or need assistance from my office and the Pastoral Center, please let us know.

With gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am
Sincerely in Christ,
Very Reverend Daniel B. Carson
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia